The Bible is not always easy to interpret, and I am always in awe of those that can unpack a passage of scripture, and all of a sudden, it makes so much sense.

However, when the Bible says, ‘without a vision the people perished’, there needs no explanation. If we do not have direction in our lives we simply drift around and remain idle, and idleness leads to boredom and boredom leads to sin.

We see this with those in the sporting world and in the entertainment field. Our greatest Biblical example was King David, who when he was just lazing around, took the wife of another and all hell broke loose, from which he never really recovered.

We live in a time when there is so much we can do for Jesus, yet we seem to be preoccupied with life’s many distractions.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to embrace the future direction of the fellowship. As National leaders, we are excited about the direction the Lord has led us using modern technology.

We have embarked on the most exciting program venture that has been seen since the exposure the Fellowship had through Expo ‘88. This is when Bernie Gray and his team, revealed FGBMFI to a vast majority of the Australian public like never before.

I am talking of course of the introduction of the new FGBMFI website. This medium will have an enormous impact on the exposure we will have as it begins to gain momentum and as we develop its full capabilities.

At National Office, we have been very busy introducing and incorporating the website and making it user friendly for all of us. Still in its infancy, although with much content being added already, we have included connection to full security for the online receipt of credit card payments for conventions, bookshop items, membership renewals, etc.

This will enable those that are introduced to the story of FGBMFI to look into it and find hope and salvation as it points them to our Lord Jesus Christ. They will be able to sit in the privacy of their home and read or listen to what the Fellowship’s purpose is.

As time goes on the benefits of this website to the Australian Fellowship will be enormous. Linking with other Christian websites will be of great value and have much to offer to those in search of truth and guidance.

Bless you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BILLY SGRO
National President
Supporting the Cause

The National Office in Sladen Street Hamlyn Heights has now been fully operational for over a year as we opened our new office in August 2010. We are saving the Fellowship about $1,600 a month in rental lease payments at the new office – Praise The Lord! The rental lease payments saved can then be spent on Fellowship ministry and outreach.

I would like to thank individual Chapters who send chapter donations and tithes to the National office. I would also like to thank members of the Fellowship who are part of the monthly partnership program; it is this regular giving which keeps the office running financially.

I would encourage any lapsed members of the Fellowship to renew their membership and become re-involved in the activities of the Fellowship.

The National Office has been given a supply of a wonderful book written by Michael Hicks, a longstanding FGBMFI member in Victoria. The book is called “I DARE YOU GOD”. It is well worth reading and using as an evangelistic tool. The cost of this book is only $8.00 and can be ordered from the National office.

I also strongly encourage you to read the following articles, you will be richly blessed by what has been going on.

Once again I would like to thank all those who have written articles for this edition. You have all done a fantastic job.

The office has bought an extra color toner for the office color photocopier machine. The photocopier machine has been used by at least 6 different Chapters and for state conventions. Thousands of outreach flyers have been printed for these various Chapter meetings and conventions.

We have seen close to 100 people make commitments to the Lord Jesus Christ. We encourage Chapters to make use of the color photocopier machine. The National office has just paid the insurance policy. This covers all Chapter and Fellowship meetings and activities for 12 months up till August 2012. This payment of the insurance by the National office on behalf of Chapters, is one way that the National office can support individual Chapters.

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So far this year over $3,000 has been spent by the office to help Chapters pay for airfare costs for speakers at various outreach meetings. At these meeting we have had souls won into the Kingdom of God.

I would like to thank all those who have written articles for this edition. You have all done a fantastic job.

On behalf of the National Board of FGBMFI Australia I would like to extend a warm invitation to you and your family to join with us as we come together to celebrate the 35th National Convention to be held in Adelaide, South Australia.

The Convention theme is ‘On the Cutting Edge’ and all of our world class speakers, who have been prayerfully chosen, come bringing fresh vision to renew our strength and passion.

The convention is only two days and very reasonably priced why not stay a few extra days and enjoy beautiful historic Adelaide and all it has to offer.

Looking forward to seeing you there, but remember book early to secure your early bird discount and limited one bedroom apartments at the convention venue.

ROD WINTER
National Vice President
**Victoria**

Peter Pollock was the keynote speaker for the Harvest Blessing Mayoral Prayer Breakfast for Campaspe Shire on the 20th Sept. Councillor Neil Parkinson Mayor and C. Carroll Howell were in attendance. 86 people attended and 7 people responded to Peter’s salvation message.

Peter later went to Teen Challenge Kyabram where he shared a message of hope and 12 more people made a decision for Christ.

At the Elmore Field Days, Laurie Wray took the Boroondara Chapter’s, God Mobile, to the field day. The God Mobile has a saying: “ARE YOU GOING TO HEAVEN? Take the TWO QUESTION TEST” Over the three days nine young invited Jesus into their heart.

2011 has been a very fruitful year for the Goulburn Valley Chapter would like to thank the whole team for their support. Team work makes the dream work.

The inaugural meeting of the Baroondara Chapter in Sept 2011 featured short simple speeches and testimony, highlighting the need of hope. A great message from Bill Syn, resulted in men coming up for prayer. We are in awe of what God installed through our Chapter.

In October Terry Ryan, owner of TFR Consulting and Australia Water & Irrigation Solutions, was invited to contribute to an open prayer and praise night. Terry has been involved in healing rooms for six years and has seen God working mightily. The Chapter president, Michael Fletcher and Terry prayed with many of the attendees. Thank you all and well done brothers!

Central Gippsland (formerly Transylvania) Chapter, Maurice Weston told of his visit to America in 1967, where Dento called him to the stage and prayed for him to be baptised in the Holy Spirit; he was never the same again. As the President of the first Chapter in Melbourne he said, “We left behind on the Melbourne Conference and we had some of good men in the Fellowship and provided a forum for Spirit-led workers…”

This has been our experience. Our core group of men pray together, support and encourage each other. We take joy in promoting opportunities for our friends to hear the Gospel, as our speakers share their stories. After hearing these wonderful stories of Jesus’ goodness, we always wish we had invited more of our friends along.

In the last three months we have been encouraged by the lives and ministries of very different speakers:

- Rev Neil Thompson is a gentle person, committed to winning people to Jesus. He encouraged us with the promises that Jesus has brought into his life.

- Mick & Jenny Fitzpatrick spoke honestly of Jesus rescuing them from their living death of alcoholism and hopelessness.

- Leni McGrath shared his music and experiences of working with former child soldiers in Africa. He spoke of the new life that only Jesus gives.

**Max Sergent**

**Queensland**

They say time flies when you are having fun…. Could this be true? Personally I have been so busy this year, that I did not have time for fun. I must agree though that I did enjoy what I was doing.

Our Queensland Outreach went well with only one minor hiccup due to road closures. Guest speaker Peter Sinclair was in fine form all the way and left no doubt in the minds of our audiences. Plans are well in hand for next year’s outreach in March, with Gary Raymond, covering nearly 6,000 kms in 2 weeks with more than 20 meetings.

Our State Convention held in Biloela during September was a success, many of the members who attended lined up to give a personal testimony. For some it was their first attempt, none-the-less the messages came straight from the heart.

Rod Bowkett had everyone in stitches again with his testimony. Keynote speakers Jimmy Ntini, Tony Vaughan, and Jim and Stella Webber, kept us on the edge of our seats throughout the Convention. Prayer and Praise led by Mike Crosby and Musicians John Show, John Townsend, Ian and Sue Smith and daughter Amy, brought us into God’s presence to Worship Him in a marvellous way.

**Peter Monson**

**Western Australia**

We thank God through our Lord Jesus Christ for the wonders of His grace in the way He has brought men out of their busyness and leisure time to make it a priority to attend the WA State Conference on the weekend of 11th and 12th November, where they heard about and saw the power of the Gospel in action in their lives.

Jesus came not only to heal and deliver men from their restraints and impediments but to create an environment of victory and success whether it be in health, business or in a marriage relationship. He came that we may contend for and have the victory in all areas of our lives and no longer be held back by those issues which plagued us for so long.

Greg Biddell taught on Jesus’ call to all men to “do business till I come” and new revelations on the beatitudes while Mike Munro looked deeply into “The Vision Intensified” and reiterated that the Kingdom of God is found in and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gary Pratt showed how God works His mission on earth through ordinary men and proceeded to minister in the gifts while Graham Smith called men to arms because “The creditor is coming” and we must not only “talk the talk” but also “walk the walk” so that our children will not only be stolen from us by the attractions of ‘the world’ but that we need to young men to walk in the ways of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and build successive generations. All these men contributed vital, enthusiastic teaching and ministry and our thanks and praise go to Jesus for equipping these saints to do the work of this ministry.

**Dinko Micovich**

**Tasmania**

The activities of FGBMF in Tasmania are moving along steadily under the continued guidance of the Lord and our key leaders within each region. It is comforting and encouraging to know that we have failed to step out to do something in this organisation, the Lord has nearly always gone before us and prepared the way.

In Launceston John Shaw continues in his ambassador role for FGBMF, opening his home to men’s gatherings and prayer meetings. John also continues to travel (and bring offers) to meetings on the North West Coast. The Lord continues to use John across this county and he has just recently returned from ministering at the Queensland State Convention.

Activities in the North West of the state continue well under the guidance of Peter Fulton, the Chapter president. Regular meetings are being held as mainly breakfast meetings as they seem to work in this area, with good attendances. We seem to have a good cross section of guest speakers not just from around Tasmania but also from the mainland. It seems that when we have these speakers from the mainland visiting, there are opportunities for those speakers to be used in a number of different settings, which helps reach a wider cross section of the different communities.

Even though the Hobart Chapter is in recession, there is quite a bit of FGB activity in the South of the state, especially through the recently established Kingborough Chapter based at Kingston, south of Hobart. This chapter under the leadership of Peter Rowe continues to run breakfast meetings. They were also the catalyst for bringing Inspector Gary Raymond to the state.

Over a weekend in late September Gary spoke at several meetings in the South of the state, with up to 70 people in attendance. There was also a men’s conference held on Saturday the 24th in central Tasmania at a place called Campbell Town, at Gary spoke. This was a very encouraging and enlightening day with a focus on “Equipping Men for Market Place Ministry”. We had the opportunity to undertake some recording during the day. In the future we can use this material for training purposes.

I feel quite happy with the direction of the activities that FGB have undertaken within Tasmania so far in 2011. No doubt we can always improve and do things just a little better the next time, but if we can keep an open mind and continue trying to work as a team under the guidance of the Lord, I am sure that those improvements will come about.

**David Kleyweg**

**Max Sergent**

**State Reports**

Welcome the new Victorian State Director…

**Max Sergent**

**Vict State Director**
NSW/ACT

The second half of 2011 has been encouraging as God has made it clear that He has changed His mind about using FGB to impact our world in these end times. On 2nd-3rd September we held our state convention in Newcastle and God moved in our midst in a marvellous way. People were healed of deep emotional wounds, demons were cast out, strongholds were broken, and the delegates were fired up, strengthened, and encouraged. I highly recommend our key speakers, Geoff, Howard, Hadley and Jeff & Debbie Philips to those who want to see God heal and set free saints and sinner alike.

Peter Arven, Pastoral Director of the Port Stephens Chapter, who worked tirelessly with much of the organisational work at the conference, followed up with an outreach dinner. Expecting 20-30 people, 70 turned up! The Holy Spirit moved powerfully with some people under the power of the Holy Spirit for the whole night. There were 30 – 40 first timers, 10 – 20 people were healed and 6 people made a recommitment to Christ.

As I write this article the North Canterbury Chapter is three days shy of holding an outreach dinner with Jimmy Nyiro. The Canterbury Chapter has been led by the Holy Spirit to put their full support behind this event and it is great to see the unity expressed by the Chapters. Both Chapters meet weekly for prayer/praise/fellowship and planning.

Bruce Day, the ACT Regional Director, is organising a combined meeting with both of the Canterbury Chapters, Geoff and Debbie Phillips will be the guest speakers. The Sydney Chapters actively reaching out are Blacktown, St George, and Sydney China Town. The Blacktown Chapter is hastily holding weekly outreach meetings with first timers coming and prayer ministry taking place. The Sydney China Town Chapter held a dinner on the 25th of October with 50 people present. There were 10 first timers and 4 involved present. Fifteen members and friends of FGB meet over lunch once a fortnight for prayer, fellowship, and planning.

The St George Chapter had 34 people present at their October outreach dinner and there were 17 first timers present. The Chapter has done well in attracting first timers and seeing salutations over recent months.

The Albury/Wodonga Chapter has a strong team pulling together and have organised meetings with Gary Raymond. Two professionally presented flyers have been produced and a large audience hired for the occasion. Chapter President Brian Young declares that since prayer has become a major foundation, “things have really started to take off.”

The Gilgandra Chapter is “solid as a rock” and continues to hold outreach breakfasts each month. Over 20 men turn up each time and the Holy Spirit has been sowing seeds of love and truth. Ron Gulf and his men have established a great foundation, in the Holy Spirit, for revival.

ANTHONY CONNELL
State Director

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

On August 6 there was a state training day held at the Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club. The purpose was to train Chapter Executive leaders and give them assistance in their roles. Bill Sgro, Branch Joint Convener, and Winter were the main speakers for the day. Nabi, the owner of Gloria Jean’s Coffee, also joined us to share with the group.

Later that evening the inaugural Mayor’s Prayer Dinner for Gawler was held. Bill was the guest speaker. This was a fantastic night that Nabi showed how God had allowed him to go into business and how God had led him to start Gloria Jean’s. We thank God for the Adelaide North Chapter and President Alan Mackenzie, they have done a great job in getting this outreach going.

The Adelaide South Chapter has continued to support Healing Heart as its regular outreach for 2011. In addition we have worked with the combined ministers’ fellowships of the Onkaparinga Council to facilitate the inaugural Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast. This was an amazing success. A real miracle it is hard to even imagine a more unified group of Christians from many denominations, working as one. 304 people packed Jimmie Deane’s at the Adelaide Football Club on the 20th of August. The guest speaker, Dr. Lynn Arnold, was an inspiration and Brenton Ragles (Channel 9 weather presenter) was perfect as MC.

The success of the event was not due to any individual or group but to the whole community (Mayor and Councillors, schools, churches and businesses) who got behind the event. Above all we thank God who did abundantly more than we could imagine as we took it on a leap of faith.

RODNEY HARRIS
President Adelaide South Chapter

On the 21st of October we held the 8th Mayor Prayer Breakfast at the City of Tea Tree Gully. The speaker was Tony Gatti the ex GM of Harvey Norman’s Computer and Communications Division who shared his testimony and 20 life enriching pointers. Tony came from a family of non Christians but after an encounter with the Holy Spirit, while driving to a doctors appointment, Tony declared his belief in Christ. This is very much so in our own Full Gospel Business Men’s movement.

As I communicate with Chapter leaders throughout our nation, starting testimonies are being given of the amazing power of prayer in everyday living, prosperity, healing, and deliverance in the lives of Chapter members and their families.

Increasing reports are coming into Head Office of successful Chapter outreach activities, together with many enquiries from individuals desiring to get involved with our Fellowship.

The tremdensome expectation given by the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 40:3-5 “to prepare a highway in the desert for the coming of God’s presence” could never be more relevant to the times we are living in today.

Even though morality and Godly standards are being challenged by the new age, homosexual and occultic increase - the Holy Spirit is moving in a new, fresh, and powerful way throughout the Body of Christ. This is very much so in our own Full Gospel Business Men’s movement.

As our prayers focus on the tremendous love and power of God towards us, confidence in overcoming every trial and challenge will make us more than conquerors.

Finally let us encourage one another in our individual giftings and endeavours, building each other up in love and thus preparing the way of the Lord for a mighty revival in our nation.

Love you, all

STEVE HARLOW
SA State Secretary

Call to ACTION

Mayoral Prayer Breakfasts are on the increase, with many Chapters giving support to Godly men and women looking to have a political influence in our nation. In our own personal lives, let us make a renewed commitment to acknowledge God in everything we do, giving Him praise and thanksgiving continuously.

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TONY BRAIN
National Encourager

In 1985 the Lord showed me a prophetic vision of a tremendous storm forming on the horizon. It was a warning of things to come. There were some builders that where working on building a house, with one eye on the approaching storm. As they started working, tremendous urgency to finish the house before the storm broke. When it did it was the most violent storm you would ever see. The clouds were jet black and many jagged bolts of lightning flashed out as people were running for shelter. It turned out that the house represented God’s people, meaning there was a tremendous urgency to get God’s house finished and in order before the storm broke.

I received an email on Tuesday, 1st Nov, this week, that included a prophetic message from Cindy Jacobs and I quote it in part:-

Word of the Lord for Australia Written mid air between Perth and Brisbane, Sept 22, 8:00pm Brisbane time.

There is a coming shaking of the continent in order for great awakening. The shakings thus far are beginning to awaken the Church.

There is a coming shaking of the continent in order for a great awakening.

I saw in a sequence of visions the whole of Australia as a giant old-fashioned alarm clock and it was ringing to awaken the Church to the hour of destiny. The next vision in the series was of scales of justice. They were tipping, and in the distance I saw a huge storm gathering. Stones had been dropped onto the scales on both sides. I noted they had the words of past prayers from the generations. The prayers have thus far as “balanced” as it were the economy of the nation.

The first and third in the last series was of an hour glass. The sands of time that had been allowed to stay the coming storms were slipping fast away while waiting for the Church to be a loud voice of righteousness in the nation.

End quote.

I felt that this word confirmed the word that the Lord had given me. I also felt an urgency that the time is fast approaching when these things will be upon us.

We need to be on our knees praying because it will be the greatest crisis in this nation that we have ever faced.

Another part of the word that the Lord gave me was, unless there was a turning about this nation would be completely broken and it would rise no more.

We should be about our business and be “fair dinkum” in all we are doing for Him so that this nation will forfeit it’s destiny and truly become the GREAT SOUTH LAND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Rex C. Cardwell
National Prayer Coordinator

Pray for Australia URGENTLY!
New Members

Welcome...

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Neil (Toby) COLLINS, Albury/Wodonga
John HARRIS, Sydney Chinatown
Stan JEFFERY, Sydney Chinatown
Jeff DUTTON, Canberra

QLD
Steven HOGER, Brisbane
Thomas (Joe) HILTON, Gold Coast
John KELLY, Brisbane
Ian SMITH, Brisbane

SA
Ian TURNER, Adelaide North Eastern
Samuel POTIAH, Adelaide South
Julius SZWARC, Adelaide South
Michael O’LOUGHLIN, Adelaide Eastern

NT
Walter DU TOIT, Alice Springs
Kevin MARITZ, Alice Springs

VIC
Peter BLUCK, Albury/Wodonga
Tim LIM, Boroondara
Michael FLETCHER, Boroondara
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James RITCHIE, Perth South
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William BROWN, Perth South
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FGBMFI WEBSITE
This modern website is still having information loaded on to it. All Chapter information is included on the site. If you have any relevant chapter information you would like posted, please send in to National Office. Please have a look at our new website www.fgbmfi.org.au and take notice of the upcoming events around the Nation. It is the financial giving of the partners which has enabled this website to be funded. Thank you for your ongoing financial support.

COLOUR PHOTOCOPY MACHINE
Chapters all around Australia have been making use of the colour photo-copy machine at the National Office. Large number of flyers and posters for breakfasts, dinners and conventions are still being produced and are being provided at minimal cost or in complimentary manner. This colour photo-copy machine and its ongoing running costs have been funded by the generous support of the membership.

TESTIMONY TRACTS
We have 14 Testimony Tracts available for purchase and we are finalizing another testimony tract from Mr. Mike Munro from Perth South. You can view the bookshop price list on the web site. www.fgbmfi.org.au Please insert the picture of the tracts here. These powerful testimonies are available in packs of 50 for $12.50 + postage

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